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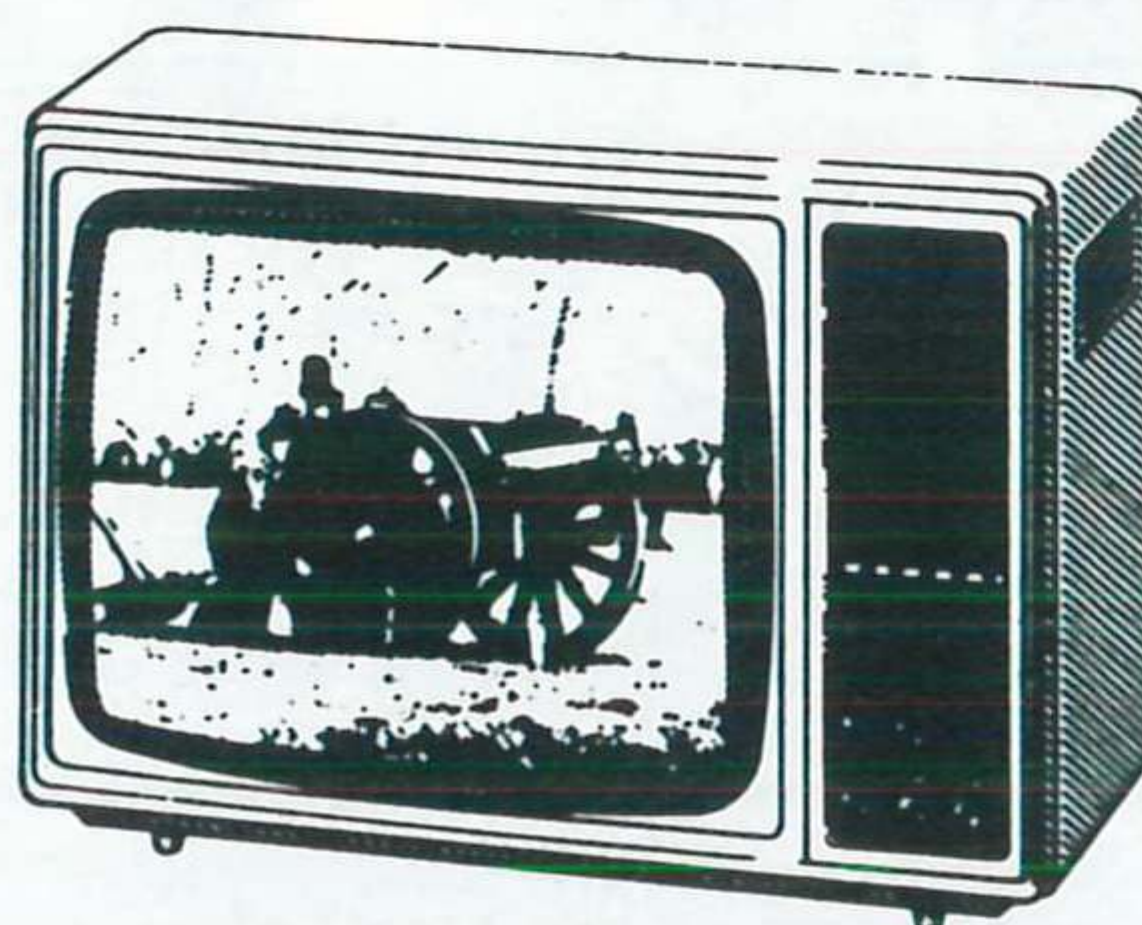
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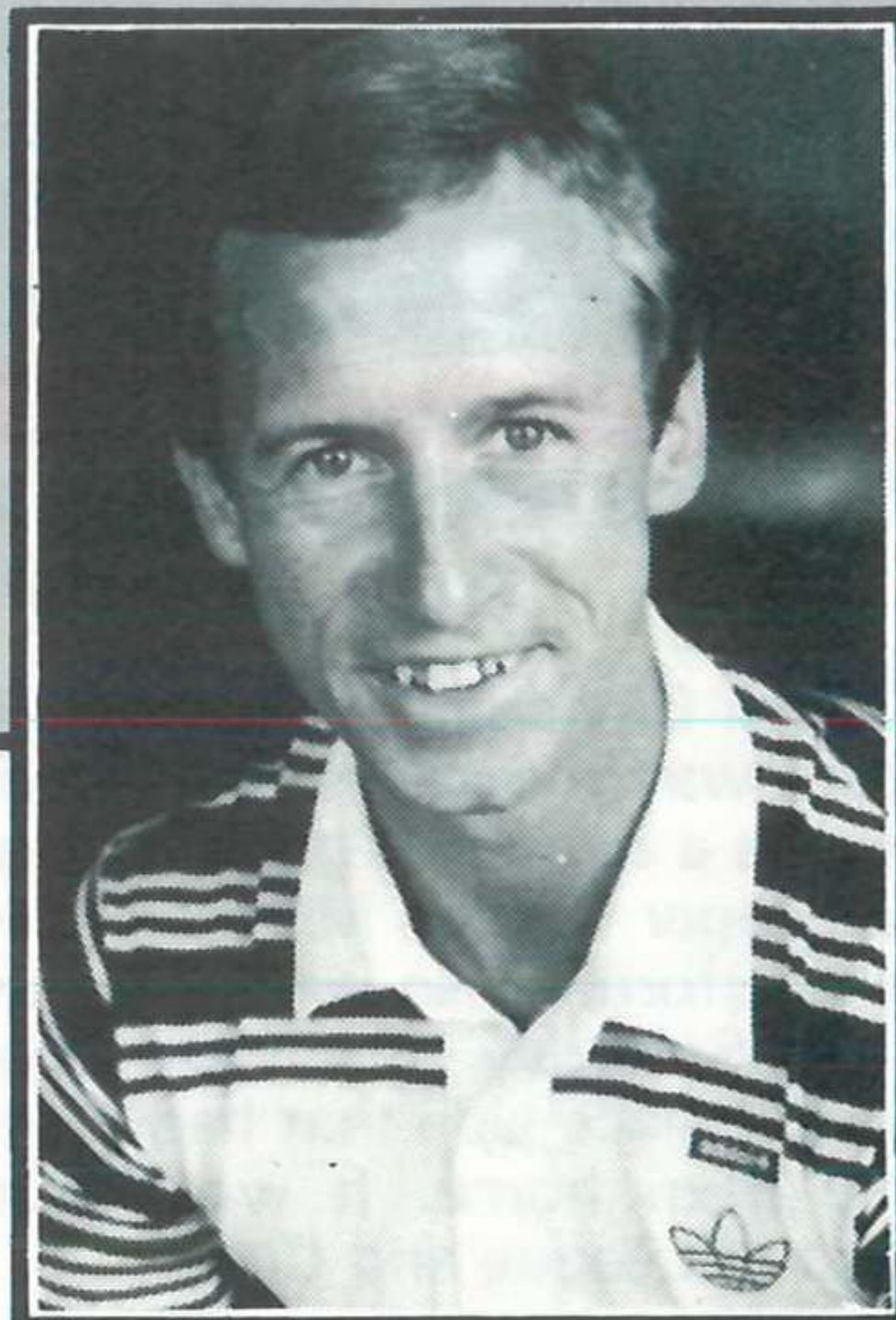
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It goes without saying that I am looking forward to a good game against our opponents from Leicester this afternoon. And I reckon I can guarantee a much improved performance on our last home game.

The attitude and application of the players (two points which I am forever harping on about) have been excellent in achieving away draws at Derby and Blackburn in our last two games.

After these matches we have set ourselves a standard that we must maintain throughout the season if we are to reach a position of safety.

In the games at Derby and Blackburn I believe we looked as capable all round as we were in our opening games of the season.

In particular I was very disappointed that we didn't take three points in the "derby" game at Ewood. Initially I gave the ball away which led directly to the penalty which gave Blackburn the equaliser.

My mistake reminded me of a sign that used to be pinned up in the dressing room at Derby County in my days there. It read: "The biggest crime in football is to give the ball to the opposition."

We left Ewood Park disappointed at having claimed just one point but we must have been happier with our performance than Blackburn were with their's.

I can tell you that the team was very much indebted to the fans for their support at Blackburn where our fans easily outshouted the home side's. It was, as always, a real boost to us on the field — so keep shouting.

It has been a busy week for me in so far as I have now moved up to Bolton permanently and will be able to commit myself even more in my search for players to improve the side.

It also gives me the chance to meet a few more of the people of Bolton who have been superb with me in the face of some disappointing results for the club. I accept full responsibility for all the results at the club since my arrival but I now genuinely feel we will improve in the near future.

We have already seen a few faces for the future.

Having introduced one or two young players into the side is an indication of how well they are doing in their

progress. Players like Simon Rudge, Wayne Foster and Steve Thompson have already appeared in the first team this season and there are more youngsters waiting for their first chance.

At the moment our Reserve team stands near to the top of the Central League Second Division — on merit I might add.

The Central League is an ideal bedding-in ground for young players where they can meet both experienced players and other youngsters with the same youthful enthusiasm for the game as themselves.

Competition is fierce even among the younger players in the reserve side which can only benefit all concerned.

Getting back to today's game I would like to offer a warm welcome to our friends from Leicester — a team, like ourselves, who have a superb goalkeeper-centre half combination. Their 'keeper Mark Wallington is one of the game's great characters and has been a familiar face associated with Leicester's ups and downs for many years.

The lads of the Youth team have the chance to make amends for their recent Lancashire Cup defeat by Manchester City when they take on Liverpool here at Burnden on Tuesday in the Second Round of the FA Youth Cup.

The young Wanderers had a rare off-day against City, losing 3-1 in a disappointing game, and are eager to put matters right against the highly-fancied Anfield lads.

A fine match is in prospect and the game kicks off at 7 pm.

To accommodate the fixture our scheduled Central League game against Wigan has been switched to the following night, Wednesday, at Springfield Park.



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LEICESTER'S SUPERB AWAY FORM From Tony Pullein

Leicester City come to Burnden Park with one of the finest away records in the Second Division. But it must be a matter of great mystery, and frustration, to manager Gordon Milne as to why the Foxes have been performing so weakly on their own ground.

Last Saturday they were beaten at home by a Crystal Palace side that had previously failed to win away from home. It was Leicester's sixth home defeat in League and Cup.

Leicester started the season among the promotion favourites. And they are certainly living up to that rating in away games. They have won at Rotherham (3-1), Shrewsbury (2-0), Wolves (3-0) and Derby (4-0), and drawn at Chelsea (1-1). Their only two away League defeats came at Blackburn (1-3) and Cambridge (1-3).

The Foxes suffered another major blow at the first stage of the Milk Cup when they were beaten in both legs by Third Division Lincoln — 0-2 away and 0-1 at Filbert Street.

Leicester have become something of a yo-yo team in recent years. When their seven-year spell as a First Division club ended in 1978, they took only two years to jump back again. Yet, after only another 12 months, they were back in the Second Division last season.

They made a bold bid for promotion and still had an outside chance until they collapsed at the end, picking up only one point from their final four games.

The departure of manager Jock Wallace during the close-season angered some club officials but they found in Gordon Milne a manager of experience just itching to get involved with team affairs again.

Mr Milne had spent the previous twelve months as Coventry's chief executive, after handing over team affairs to Dave Sexton.

The new manager initially kept faith with last year's squad, plus striker Alan Smith who was signed during the summer from Alvechurch. As the season got under way he signed striker Tom English from his old club Coventry — in exchange for Jim Melrose — and later signed Republic of Ireland international Jimmy Holmes from Vancouver Whitecaps.

Leicester's recent up-and-down existence is very much in character. Like the little boy who couldn't quite, Leicester have many times been on the brink of major honours without achieving what they have deserved.

Leicester, for instance, are the only club to have appeared in four F.A. Cup finals — and lost the lot. They have never won the League Championship though they were once runners-up.

But they did win the League Cup in the days before it reached its present stature and in 1980 they equalled a record by lifting the Second Division championship for the sixth time.

Leicester have flitted between the top two divisions so often that they have often been tagged as too good for the Second, yet not good enough for the First.

Leicester were elected to the Second Division in 1894 and first tasted First Division football in 1908. They were relegated after only one season — a fate that was to befall them again in the 'fifties and the 'eighties.

It was in 1929 that they enjoyed their finest season in the League, finishing runners-up, just one point behind Sheffield Wednesday.

They reached their first F.A. Cup final in 1949 when, forced to play without the injured Don Revie, Leicester almost created another record by coupling a Wembley appearance with relegation to the Third Division. They missed by only one point and lost to Wolves at Wembley.

Leicester were later beaten in the finals of 1961, 1963 and 1969.

They finally gained their first major honour in 1964 when they battled their way to the League Cup final. The event had not reached Wembley by then and was staged on a home and away basis. After drawing 1-1 at Stoke, Leicester won 3-1 at Filbert Street to become one of the earliest winners of the League Cup.

Leicester reached the final again a year later but they were beaten 2-3 on aggregate by Chelsea.

Their yo-yo existence in the Football League is being carried through to this day. Since the war they have been promoted in 1954, relegated in 1955, promoted in 1957 and relegated again in 1969.

The pattern continued with promotion in 1971, relegation in 1978, promotion in 1980 and relegation a year later.

LEICESTER PEN-PICTURES

MARK WALLINGTON (Goalkeeper). Mark is a former England youth and under-23 international who joined Walsall when he was still at college. After only 11 games in the Saddlers' team, he was snapped up by Leicester in 1972 and last season he completed 300 League appearances for the club.

PAUL RAMSEY (Defender). Paul made his bow in Leicester's League eleven in 1980/81 but until this season he was only an occasional first-teamer. Most of his games had been in midfield but this season he has won the right-back spot for himself.



Back Row, Left to Right: Robson, O'Neill, MacDonald, May, Walker, Wallington, Williams, Leet, A. Smith, English.
Front Row, Left to Right: Peake, Lynex, Lineker, Kelly, R. Smith, Ramsey, Friar, Wilson.

LARRY MAY (Defender). Larry has been a Leicester professional since January 1977 and it was during that season that he took his bow in League football. He has been a fixture in defence for the past four seasons.

JIMMY O'NEILL (Defender). Jimmy has now become a regular member of the Northern Ireland team and was hoping to win his 20th cap in the recent game against West Germany. He was a member of their World Cup squad in Spain. He went straight into the Leicester side in 1978 and has since remained one of their central defenders.

PAUL FRIAR (Defender). Paul served his apprenticeship at Filbert Street and made his League debut against Leeds in January 1981. He won a firm place last season and has been holding down the left-back position this term.

JIMMY HOLMES (Defender). Jimmy is a recent signing from Vancouver Whitecaps. He started his career with Coventry and became the youngest player (at 17½) ever to win a full cap for the Republic of Ireland in 1971. That was before he made his League debut! Tottenham paid £120,000 for him in 1977 but he moved on to Vancouver Whitecaps four years later. Jimmy has 30 international caps.

KEVIN MacDONALD (Midfield). Kevin was spotted playing for Inverness Caledonians and Leicester signed him for £20,000 in 1980.

EDDIE KELLY (Midfield). Eddie returned for his second spell with Leicester last season. A Scottish under-23 player in his Arsenal days, Eddie won an F.A. Cup winners' medal and a Fairs Cup winners'

medal whilst at Highbury. Q.P.R. paid £60,000 for him in 1976 but about a year later he was signed by Leicester for £50,000. In 1980 he moved on to Notts County and he started last season with Bournemouth.

IAN WILSON (Midfield). Ian made his League debut against Arsenal in March 1980 and has been holding a regular place in the team for well over two years now.

GARY LINEKER (Forward). Gary, top scorer with 19 goals last season, is once again leading the way. His tally of 12 this season includes hat-tricks against Carlisle and Derby. Gary made his first League appearance for Leicester in 1979.

TOMMY ENGLISH (Forward). Tommy played his first League soccer for Coventry in 1979/80 but lost his place last season. A few weeks ago he jumped at the chance to join Leicester — in exchange for Jim Melrose — and he has since scored twice for his new club.

STEVE LYNEX (Forward). Steve didn't make the first-team with W.B.A. so he travelled across to the Republic of Ireland to try his luck with Shamrock Rovers. His displays for them attracted the attention of Birmingham City who signed him and gave him his League debut in 1978/79. Leicester signed him for £60,000 in 1981. He has scored four times this season.

ALAN SMITH (Forward). Alan was signed from Southern League Alvechurch during the last close-season. He made his League debut on the opening day of the season and has scored three goals so far.

WHAT A TEAM!

BOLTON Evening News
Wednesday, August 11, 1982
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Planes blast Beirut
ISRAELI jets conducted a surprise attack on a Lebanese target in Beirut.

Mystery of 'buzzer' airplane
THE mystery of the 'buzzer' airplane that has been seen in the area of the airport is being investigated.

Health staff at Bolton Royal Infirmary threatened to hit emergency operations.
The walkout means that some emergency operations may have to be cancelled, said Mr Vic Peel, Bolton District Health Authority administrator. Three theatre porters and an orderly stopped work yesterday afternoon as health unions stepped up their pay campaign. Health chiefs claimed the move, made without warning, was a last resort. A union spokesman said the walkout was a last resort. But today, shop stewards and management met to try to reach a solution. Meanwhile, there were reports that the five-day strike in the supplier department at Bolton General Hospital, which began on Monday, was gathering momentum. Staff in the supplier department at Bolton General Hospital, which began on Monday, was gathering momentum. Staff in the supplier department at Bolton General Hospital, which began on Monday, was gathering momentum.

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CLUB NEWS

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Today's meeting with the "Filberts" will be the 51st Football League meeting between the two sides. To date the Wanderers have a slight lead having won 20 games to City's 18, although City remain undefeated in the last 8 games between the Clubs going back to season 1963-64.

In fact City have become something of a 'bogey' side to Bolton with the Wanderers failing to score in the last 4 games, all of which ended in defeat. City have also won on their last three visits, scoring three times on each occasion, all of which have taken place in the Second Division.

The record victories against one another are by the same score of 6-1. The Wanderers registering this in October 1937 at Burnden to go to the top of Division One and Leicester doing likewise in May 1929 at Leicester, this being the week after the Wanderers had won the FA Cup for the third time.

Last season City triumphed 3-0 here with goals from Alan Young and a couple from Jim Melrose before a crowd of 7,361. Jeff Chandler making his debut for the Wanderers in this game.

At Filbert Street, Leicester scored the winning goal in the final minute from a Steve Lynex penalty.

In the FA Cup we have met just once in 1929 when the Wanderers won 2-1 at Leicester in a 5th round tie with goals from Seddon and Blackmore.

In the League Cup we met in a 3rd round tie in 1970-71 when Leicester won 1-0 at Filbert Street after a 1-1 draw at Burnden.

500TH GOAL TODAY?

The Wanderer's next home goal will be their 500th scored in post-war Second Division football at Burnden.

The first one was scored by Wyn Davies in a 3-1 defeat by Coventry City in August 1964.

FLASHBACK

15 years ago — 18th November 1967. The Wanderers crashed 3-0 to Portsmouth at Fratton Park before 21,437 spectators. Charlie Cooper made his first full appearance of the season replacing the injured Dave Hatton at full back.

22nd November 1967 — Charlton Athletic visited Burnden and goals from 'new boys' Gareth Williams and Terry Wharton sent the Londoners home pointless. Bob Hatton was brought back into the side in place of the injured John Byrom and Warwick Rimmer replaced Roy Greaves in the back four.

25th November 1967 — The Wanderers lost their third home league game of the season to Aston Villa by 3-2. The team was unchanged and the goals came from Freddie Hill and an own goal from Deakin.

10 years ago — 11th November 1972. Bristol Rovers visited Burnden for a Third Division fixture. Goals from John Byrom and Stuart Lee, his third in as many games were enough to win the points.

18th & 22nd November 1972. Bolton faced Chester at Burnden in a first round FA Cup tie and were shaken when Mick Hollis gave them the lead. John Byrom equalised to give the Wanderers a second chance in a reply at Sealand Road. Garry Jones got the all important winner in what was an unchanged Wanderers side for the fifth consecutive game.

25th November 1972. A crowd of 7,980 saw the Wanderers keep at the top of the table with a 2-1 win over Rotherham at Burnden, John Byrom and Garry Jones were the Wanderers' scorers after Trevor Womble had given United the lead.

5 years ago — 12th November 1977. Charlton Athletic visited Burnden and after taking an early lead through Mike Flanagan were overrun after a Neil Whatmore equaliser and an own goal by goalkeeper Jeff Wood.

19th November 1977. Paul Jones made his first league appearance of the season in a 1-0 win at Bristol Rovers. Alan Waldron scored the winner in the 73rd minute to register his first goal of the season.

26th November 1977. A dramatic 89th minute winner from Roy Greaves defeated Tottenham Hotspur at Burnden before a crowd of 32,266 in a top of the table clash.

30th November 1977. The Wanderers went out of the League Cup in a 4th round tie with Leeds United at Burnden by 3-1. A crowd of 33,766 saw Garry Jones score the Wanderers' late consolation goal.

RESERVE REPORT

2nd November, Derby County 2 Bolton Wanderers 3.

The Wanderers were first to take the initiative on a greasy pitch when after 11 minutes Neil Redfearn shot home after the Derby defence had missed a number of chances to clear their lines.

Jeff Chandler scored the second goal on the half hour when he ran free to place the ball past Banovic in the Derby goal from an acute angle.

Derby then came more into the game but their finishing was poor and this was highlighted when Paul Bancroft missed an open goal from six yards out. He made up for this error just before half time when after the ball had slipped through Simon Farnworth's hands he had the simple job of touching the ball over the line.

The Wanderers went further ahead in the 49th minute when Jonathan Gautrey who was making his central league debut brilliantly chipped the ball home from the edge of the penalty area.

Frank Gamble pulled a goal back for Derby four minutes from time but the Wanderers ran out deserved winners.

Team: Farnworth, Davies, Phillips, Redfearn, Deakin, Booth, S. Thompson, Chandler, Saunders, Hodkinson, Gautrey. Sub: Joyce.

8th November. Bolton Wanderers 2 Rotherham United 1.

Rotherham gave the Wanderers defence a scare after only 2 minutes when Rod Fern hit the bar and also had a shot cleared off the line in the same attack. They settled down though and went ahead three minutes before half time when Steve Thompson scored with a well taken volley from 12 yards out.

Rotherham defender Bell was sent off after 3 minutes of the second half for deliberately kicking the ball at Thompson after the whistle had already gone for a free kick.

The Wanderers went two up in the 62nd minute when the impressive Steve Saunders blasted home after out running the Rotherham defence.

Mick Gooding pulled a goal back for Rotherham 20 minutes from time after running half the length of the field unchallenged.

Team: Farnworth, Whitworth, Deakin, Redfearn, Doyle, Booth, S. Thompson, Saunders, Joyce, Hodkinson, Chandler. Sub: Gautrey.

16th November. Oldham Athletic 1 Bolton Wanderers 3.

The Wanderers included seven first team squad members for the visit to Boundary Park.

The first half remained scoreless although the Wanderers had the better chances, Oldham relying on breakaways which didn't please their supporters.

Steve Saunders who again impressed, finally cut through the Oldham defence to turn the ball home in the 68th minute.

Dave Hoggan put the Wanderers two up a minute later when he sent a spectacular shot into the corner of the net from 16 yards out after some fine midfield play by Chris Thompson.

It was Thompson who got the third in the 77th minute when he luckily received a stray shot from Ian Moores to slip the ball past Parkin.

Keegan pulled a goal back for Oldham in the final minute but it was not enough to spoil a fine second half performance from the Wanderers who became the first side to win a central league game at Boundary Park this season.

Team: Farnworth, Berry, Bennett, McGovern, McElhinney, Booth, C. Thompson, Redfearn, Moores, Hoggan, Saunders. Sub: Joyce.

JUNIOR WHITES NEWS

Today's mascot is Sharon Orrell who we welcome today as our first ever girl mascot here at Burnden Park.

Sharon is 13 years old and lives in Harwood. She attends Canon Slade school and has been a Wanderers supporter since she was 3 years old, having rarely missed a home game.



New Junior Whites president Gerry McElhinney took charge of proceedings a couple of Monday's ago when over 50 members turned up at the gymnasium to take part in 5 a side football matches. A great time was had by all and further such evenings are planned so watch this space!

The Junior Whites Christmas Party will be held in the Executive Suite on Sunday 12th December between 2.00 and 5.00 pm, so make a date in your diary. All members will be welcome.

SOUVENIR SHOP

The replica shirts should be in stock from the 10th December — just in time for Christmas. Other goodies include sweaters from £7.75, ties £3.50, gloves £1.00 and £1.20 and track suites from £9.75. Also available are copies of a new children's book 'Westfields Wembley Wonders' written by Roy Cavanagh and a snip at 75p.

SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

A reminder to all members that meetings will now take place in the Players Lounge in the ground every Monday evening. All supporters are welcome. Don't forget to buy your Christmas Fancy Dress tickets nor the Christmas and New Year's Eve functions, tickets for which are available from the Souvenir Shop.

A pat on the back to the members who went to Blackburn last Saturday the hard way — on foot — they were: T. Smith, P. Beeby, J. Chaisty, J. Cross, C. Lockhead, J. Darnton, B. Cross, N. Khadivi, E. Ainsworth, J. Marland, M. Smith and S. Marland.

Our thanks must go to Rovers supporters association for supplying changing facilities and providing lunch.

THE CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Season 1982/83. Table as at 20th November 1982

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nottingham Forest	11	8	1	2	22	8	17
Bolton Wanderers	7	5	1	1	17	11	11
Manchester City	9	5	1	3	16	11	11
Sunderland	7	4	2	1	12	6	10
Notts County	9	4	2	3	16	16	10
Bradford City	7	2	3	2	12	9	7
Barnsley	8	3	2	3	14	14	8
Derby County	9	3	0	6	17	16	6
Rotherham United	8	3	2	3	10	9	8
Oldham Athletic	6	2	2	2	9	12	6
Wigan Athletic	7	2	2	3	6	8	6
Burnley	7	3	2	2	7	9	8
Preston North End	6	2	0	4	14	22	4
Chesterfield	8	1	3	4	6	13	5
Middlesbrough	7	2	0	5	8	13	4
Port Vale	6	0	1	5	7	16	1

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Liverpool at Fratton Park. Portsmouth have grounds to be included in a Super League.

You can't lift a newspaper or listen to the sports news these days without that phrase Super League hitting you hard. People are talking about a Super League as if it was the answer to a prayer, the key to soccer's salvation.

But what is meant by a Super League? The very definition intimates something rather special, a sort of superior competition, and if that is the intention then just what format will it take.

Is it to be an elite band of big city clubs freed from the fears of relegation.

Is the criteria for entry based on playing ability or earning capacity? If the objective is financial stability then the so called Super League could look like this:

Everton, Manchester United, Norwich City, Stoke City, Tottenham Hotspur, Watford, Bolton, Leeds United, Newcastle United, Sheffield Wednesday, Shrewsbury, Brentford, Cardiff City, Portsmouth, Bristol City and Northampton Town, who according to a recent survey are the only clubs in the 92, currently attracting gates above their break even figure.

Somehow that does not seem a format to exalt the senses and send football back on the path to glory. In fact the only combination that does raise a heart beat or two is the suggestion of a European Super League incorporating three or four of the countries top clubs in an international league. But of course that is someway off in the future and anyway does not solve the domestic plight, only increases it.

What I really think they mean by a Super League is the restructuring of the unwieldy unstable competition which now incorporates 92 clubs.

Bert Millichip, the Chairman of West Bromwich Albion and the Football Association, wanted to reduce the competition to three divisions of 16 clubs until it was suggested to him that there could be

difficulties. But he still remains adamant "that there should be far less than 92 clubs."

It is plain to see that the big clubs have become tired of a structure that milks away some of the assets of the more prosperous members and the suggestion advanced by Liverpool and supported by Arsenal and Tottenham, for a super league of 16 or 18 clubs is only the beginning.

Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw claims: "Clubs should be able to live on their own resources."

"I think that if there were less games we would attract bigger gates. There would be more anticipation from the public. How can people be motivated to come and watch football when you have the ridiculous sort of situation we faced last season with eight games in 16 days. Even if they were interested they couldn't afford to come."

"I would reduce the First Division to 18 clubs and if the Second Division wished, reduce their league to 18 clubs as well. The others could be organised on a regional basis."

"Those people who suggest we can't reduce the league because it will result in less revenue have got it all wrong. Gates are going down because in these days of recession people can't afford to come so often."

"But I would like to see the financial structure altered as well. We should all keep our own gate money and start standing on our own feet. Every club should be forced to pay cash down for the players they buy. Only then will we be able to claim that we are running the game on good business principles."

Of course the Spurs boss is speaking from a position of strength. Last season Spurs made a profit of £850,000 and took over £4 million through the turnstiles and they had paid for the new signings Ray Clemence and Paul Price. One wonders how many other clubs would be able to survive on their own resources.

Certainly the indications are that only about

six or seven clubs would support a reduction of clubs in the First Division because the majority know that if they lose Tottenham, Manchester United and Liverpool then they are not only losing good revenue from the gates they could attract against those sides but also from the money they will take away from trips to White Hart Lane, Old Trafford and Anfield.

So almost 20 years after the clubs discarded Alan Hardaker's perceptive "Pattern of Football" which included the proposal to restructure the Football League into five divisions of 20 clubs, the matter is still unresolved.

I doubt whether a reduction to 18 clubs in the top division would stem the migration away from the game. The Scots took the plunge seven years ago, reducing their top section to ten clubs, which they called the Premier League.

It was billed as the dawn of a new age but nothing much altered apart from the fact that Aberdeen managed to break the Celtic Rangers championship monopoly once, and Dundee United won the League Cup twice.

Apparently it made the competition more competitive than it had been, but then that is not a problem in the Football League. But in terms of pulling power the formation of the Premier League has not stopped in any way the decline in football attendances north of the border, and they continue to lose five supporters in ever 100 each season.

It would be foolhardy to suggest that the experience here would be any different as at present there are only half-a-dozen clubs that can claim regular attendances around the 25,000 mark.

So although a reduction in the First Division is a must from a footballing stance, particularly for those clubs involved in European competitions, it is highly unlikely to solve soccer's current cash flow crisis.

BRADLEY'S BRIEF

Ray Bradley of the
'Sunday Express'
writes for you



Bobby Robson's recent admission that England will find it difficult to compete on equal level with the world's best teams because we cannot cope with individualism was a startling point to ponder over.

It was even more startling to hear that we were now searching for biting markers who "can take people out of a game." Nobby Stiles, one of our venerated World Cup heroes of '66, was mentioned as the sort of player now desperately needed to put muscle into our midfield.

Robson neglected to mention our real problems are at the back where England are really vulnerable and where we once used to be so strong. Now we have a soft centre.

The central defensive partnership of Russell Osman and Terry Butcher was cruelly exposed against Denmark in Copenhagen and it seemed incongruous that both players should again be included in his squad against West Germany.

Osman and Butcher have proved a formidable partnership for Ipswich over the past few seasons and Robson obviously has faith — some might say blind faith — in their effectiveness as he reshapes his England side of the future.

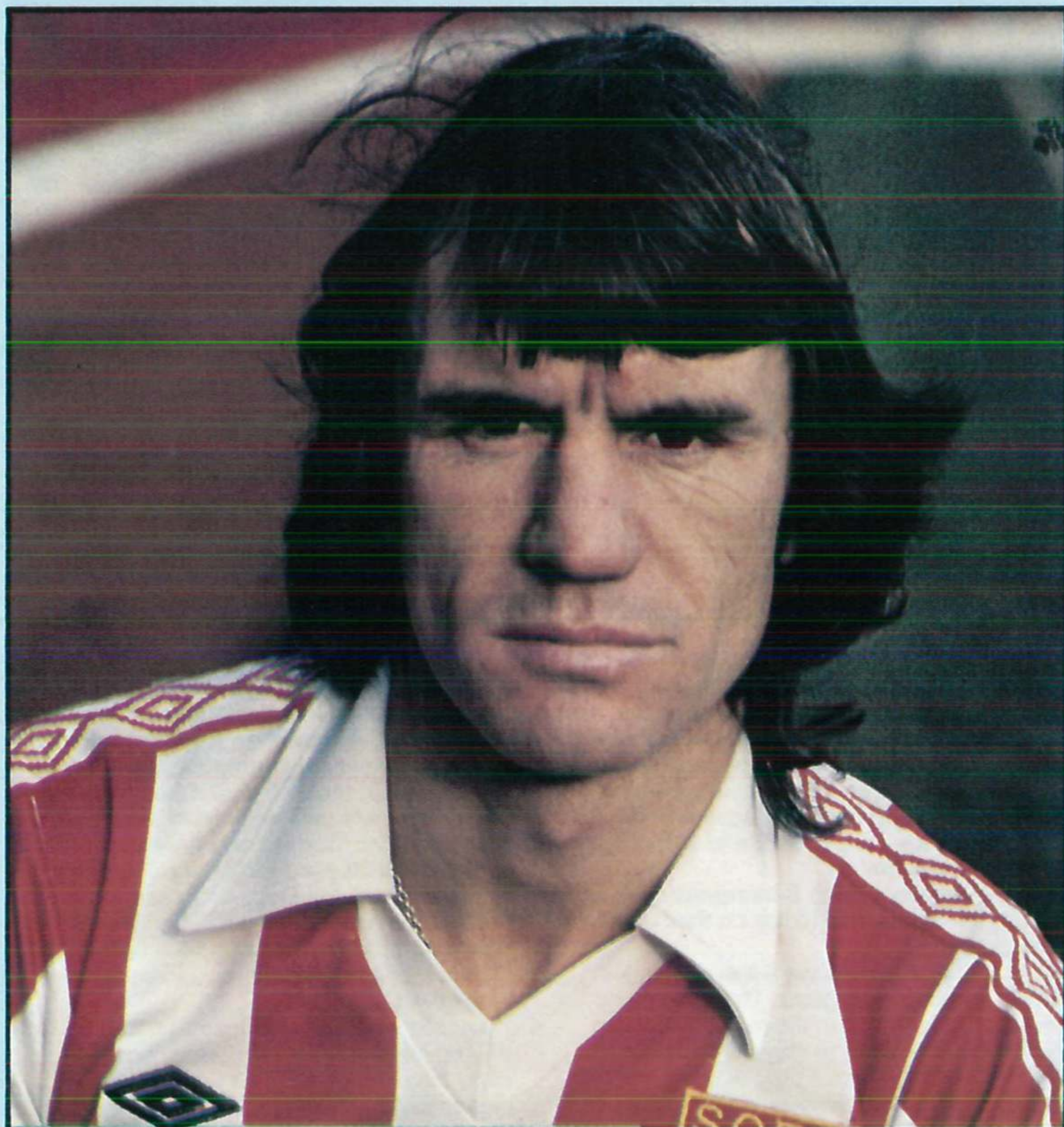
But Osman has yet to prove his ability at the highest level while Butcher lacks balance and the authority one would expect from a defender who has now virtually established his place in the national team.

Robson's perseverance may be clouded by loyalty to his old club and I trust his faith will be rewarded and England errors not compounded by repetition. If a man cannot learn from his mistakes, then he is condemned to repeat them.

But the real dilemma for Robson and England is that we no longer produce dominant defenders, especially centre-halves. As one First Division manager recently reminded me there just isn't one in the country of international class — with the notable exception of David O'Leary and he comes from Dublin.

DOMINATED

Why there should be so few good centre-halves around at the moment remains a puzzling problem both for



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Robson and nearly every First Division manager.

Since Arsenal invented the 'stopper' way back in 1925, we have always been strong in this important department. Brian Labone, Jack Charlton, Roy McFarland and Dave Watson have dominated the scene over the last 16 years, but always had healthy competition for their places in the national side.

With two central defenders operating in the same zone it should now be easier to find ready-made material for Robson to build on. But tactical changes have now exposed a serious deficiency in this department.

Tony Barton, manager of European champions Villa, pinpoints the problem of this vanishing breed when he says: "The old fashioned centre-half patrolled the middle of the penalty area and his main job was to cut out centres pumped in from the wings.

"Now we find that balls are played up to strikers from much deeper positions and this has meant that teams have had to formulate different tactics.

"With midfield players closing people down, defenders are jockeying more and not encouraged to tackle. In fact, decisive tackling has become a lost art.

"We are very lucky at Villa to have two of the best defenders in the country in Ken McNaught and Allan Evans — two really strong, competitive players. Unfortunately, they are both Scottish.

"It is a problem for Bobby Robson because there is a shortage of top quality defenders in the country and no centre-half of genuine England class.

"David O'Leary of Arsenal has got to be the best centre-half in Britain because he is so adaptable and mobile. He has pace, skill and the ability to dominate in the air. England just have not got anybody in that class."

WHO

So who are the contenders for England's big problem spot?

Dave Watson, who has served England nobly and is as dominant as ever for Stoke, is obviously not in contention any more at 36. But we are struggling to find his natural successor.

Alvin Martin of West Ham is an obvious candidate. He has the height, weight and pedigree after playing alongside such a total competitor as Billy Bonds, but is still short of international experience.

Arsenal's classy defender Chris Whyte is a tremendous prospect and his claims can only be enhanced as he gains more experience.

Steve Foster of Brighton is another conceivable candidate after being blooded at full England level. He is an old-fashioned centre-half who believes in getting stuck in, but lacks authentic authority and can be exposed by skilled forwards who are adept at the art of turning half chances into goals.

Paul Dyson, once an automatic England Under-21 choice, has struggled to find real conviction at Coventry, but is still a resolute competitor.



Terry Butcher. Is he the answer?

There are few other natural contenders for England's big problem spot. But I have a sneaking fancy for Martyn Bennett of West Brom to come out on top in the battle for the main central defence role.

He is young, mobile, tenacious and has the ability to compete at the highest level. An outstanding prospect who keeps out one of the best centre-halves in the business — John Wile — in a strong West Brom line-up despite that freak 6-1 defeat by Forest in the Milk Cup.

But he is still learning his trade and only time will tell if he has the quality to take over as the natural successor to Dave Watson, perhaps the best footballing centre-half in the last decade

even if he was once "skinned" by Cyrille Regis, and forwards of genuine pace.

Bobby Robson may well dwell on a point once made by Coventry boss Dave Sexton, still one of the deepest thinkers in the business and a valued member of Ron Greenwood's Think Tank, if not one of the men that Robson will lean on in lean times.

Sexton, like his good buddy Malcolm Allison, is an avid student of military strategy. A man who believes in the old military axiom that defeat invites explanation and victory only serves to cover a multitude of sins.

As I was saying we are still looking for a strong centre-half; preferably one who asks for explanations before booting you over the nearest barrier.



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MICHEL PLATINI

For many the lingering memories of Spain 82 will not be of the winners, Italy, or of their cynical Final opponents, West Germany, but of the flair and glory of Brazil and France.

It is true that France did not blossom until the second phase, but after thrashing Northern Ireland 4-1 in Madrid to clinch a semi-final place, the architect of their flamboyant side, Michel Platini defiantly proclaimed: "We now have the best midfield combination in the world."

Platini, an artist of immense scope and variety and described as "the only unique player in France" had withstood a gruelling series. The French had gone to Spain with little faith in their own ability and the nations hopes lay firmly on his shoulders.

The French captain was aware of the responsibility but said: "I know they think it is up to me, but I can't help that. This is a team game and no single player can make that difference. I am very proud to be a star but it is wrong to think that my performance will determine the outcome of France's games."

Platini, who celebrated his 27th birthday while playing in the World Cup Finals, remains a modest man and prefers home to the bright lights, but as a player there is no denying he shines above most others.

He has modelled his game

unashamedly on Johan Cruyff, although he is more selfish on the ball than was the Dutch master.

Good balance, ball control, vision and the ability to accelerate past bemused opponents at will all add up to a super star capable of holding his own in the highest company.

Perhaps Platini did not shine quite as brightly as we expected in Spain, then who did! Aware of the criticism back home in France, Platini explained: "Team work has emerged as the outstanding feature of the World Cup and all of the big names have had to adapt and accept this. No matter how good a player you are you can't overcome organised defences by yourself."

"We played some of the best football of the tournament, but then we did so in Argentina four years ago, so it was no surprise."

"Our football is not planned, it is spontaneous, but it is difficult to play simple football these days because hard play prevails."

Now Platini and his family are in Italy where he is continuing his career with Juventus. The man who refused to leave France until after the World Cup for fear it would prejudice his country's chances is now chasing European gold.

A natural goalscorer — he scored on his international debut against Czechoslovakia on March 27, 1976 and

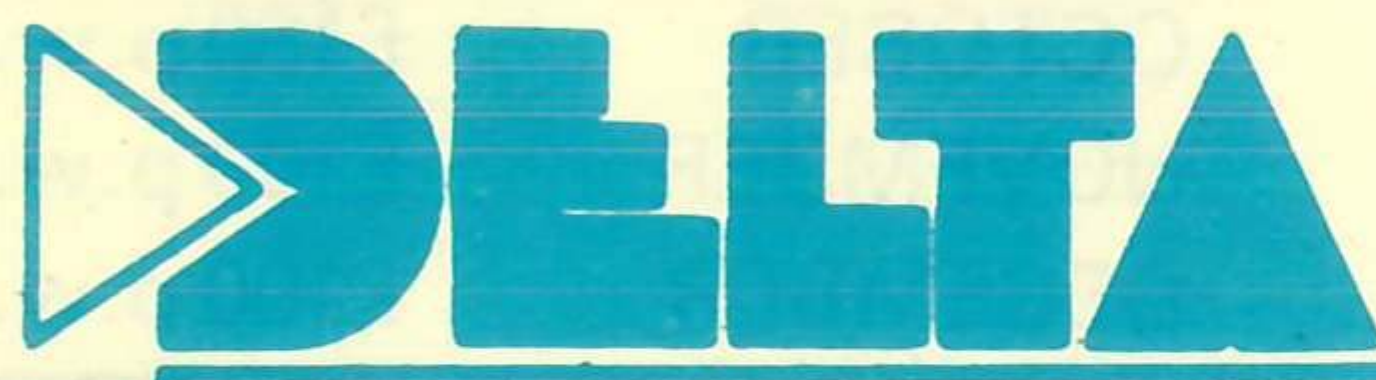
has been a consistent marksman ever since — Platini now hopes to lead France to a European Championship victory, when they host the finals in 1984.

Strangely his knack of scoring great goals has caused the French super star many problems. He unquestionably prefers to play in midfield where he has the freedom to roam at will, but his goalscoring ability has persuaded many a manager to push him up front into a front line role.

The conflict has resulted in bad publicity. French boss Michel Hidalgo chose to use him as a striker against England and Platini re-acted by dropping deep after only five minutes. When asked why he replied "I did not get a pass so I went looking for the ball."

If there is a floor in his character then it is his moodiness which often brands him as a big head. It is not uncommon in players or indeed people in other walks of life, who are blessed with exceptional skills. But in a team game as hard and competitive as professional football there must be a certain amount of discipline imposed.

By the age of 21 he had collected nearly a dozen international caps. But then Platini is an exception a special case and maybe France should play him where he is most comfortable if the national team are to derive the best out of their moody star.

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BRAZIL FAVOURITES

Colombia's official announcement that they will not be able to stage the 1986 World Cup didn't come as a big surprise. As soon as a new government was elected there recently, they made it clear that they were not going to subsidize the World Cup venture with one penny.

A spokesman said: "We have immense commitments to improve housing, health service and educational facilities for our people, we cannot spend money on such a luxury project as a football tournament."

And indeed, they needed a great deal of money to be able to act as hosts to twenty-three nations. They have only one stadium with adequate capacity, their communication system is of a low standard, and they have accommodation for only a few tourists.

FIFA made a mistake to award them the tournament in the first place, and Hermann Neuberger, Vice-President, has said time and again that an alternative venue must be considered.

It has been the custom since the war that World Cup finals are played-off alternatively between Europe and South America, because it is recognized that it is a great advantage to act as hosts.

Only Brazil, in 1958 in Sweden, have managed to win the trophy on "foreign" soil, otherwise the representatives of the host Continent have triumphed. And now with a Brazilian FIFA President, Joao Havelange, this three times victorious country is favourite to stage the Finals.

Undoubtedly, they have the best facilities, and they also have the will to improve in those areas where further investments are necessary. There are six stadiums in Brazil with a capacity of over 60,000 in each, and, of course, they have the magnificent Maracana-stadium in Rio with room for 215,000 people!

Mexico is the other serious candidate, but they did stage the Finals as recently as 1970, and it is unlikely that they will be granted the privilege so soon again. Canada and the United States are not suitable places for a football World Cup, they haven't got enough international experience, and their population would regard the tournament as a nuisance.

In any case, the Brazilians and the Argentinians have already stated that they do not consider either of these North American countries as alternatives to Europe, and that they would boycott a World Cup there.

This is a pretty empty threat, nevertheless, I regard Brazil as the most likely venue, despite the fact that they staged the tournament in 1950, when to everyone's astonishment, Uruguay won the trophy. On the other hand, if Brazil are granted the privilege, this decision would leave the door open for other previous World Cup hosts to put in a claim for the 1990 tourney.

England could easily apply, and it would be a great boost to the game here if we could stage another World Cup Final tournament. We certainly have the facilities, the know-how, the hotel accommodation, etc. What price England as hosts of the 1990 World Cup?

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Football is dying in the United States! The North American Soccer League which started with such a razzamatazz a few years ago, is a big flop, crowd figures make depressing reading and the future looks bleak.

The professional League started with 22 teams, people with money were fighting over franchises, everybody was anxious to get a piece of the action.

But the initial losses were enormous, the financial situation hasn't improved, and the backers have left with their bank balances far from intact. Jimmy Hill's much-publicized loss of £600,000 was just one case, other people have lost even more, and there is no fresh money to take over the ailing clubs.

The great American Dream floundered on the non co-operation of the television companies, lack of locally-bred



talent and the shortcomings of the game as a spectator sport.

Americans who are used to the naked combat of "grid iron" football, the pace of ice-hockey, the stage-managed hurly-burly of basketball, found soccer sedate and boring.

Coaches didn't help with their cowardly tactics, the game is as defensive in the United States as it is in Italy, with goals at a premium. Artificial excitement such as "shoot-outs" at the end of drawn matches helped, but only partially.

The League was reduced to 14 teams last season, and it looks likely that three more teams will cease functioning next year, and there might be a championship with 10 participants only.

The "go West young men" slogan has a hollow ring, English pro. footballers may no longer look to America as a final resting place, where big money can be earned in their declining years.

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BENNO at large

STOKE CITY manager Richie Barker raised an interesting point recently during a discussion on the changing pattern of football and the tendency for clubs to play more attractive football this season. He said: "The games we have had at Stoke this season have been particularly entertaining and there has been relatively little crowd trouble. In fact we had two games with not a single arrest and that is talking in terms of about 35,000 people. And so it seems that if people have got something good to watch they don't particularly want to fight, and that could be a side effect of the new commitment that no one has thought about."



ROTHERHAM UNITED'S enigmatic player manager Emlyn Hughes has always been a schoolboy favourite and a shining example of a true professional player so it is sad to hear him claim that "the attitude has gone completely in football." An obviously disillusioned Hughes told TV viewers recently that some of the younger players coming into the game disappoint him very much. He said: "Some of their attitudes are disgraceful. I know when I was at Blackpool and first went to Liverpool if I had turned around and said a word to Bill Shankly, Ronny Yeats or Tommy Smith, they would have given me a clip round the ear for being cheeky to them."

FELIX SHUNS PEOPLE. Did you see the story about young Felix Frixou, the 21-year-old Cypriot from Derby who plays in local park football. He turned down an invitation to play in a UEFA Cup match in Zurich for Fezoporiko Larnaca. Felix whose club New Villa play in the East Midland League had played for the Cyprus Under-21 side last season, but he declined as he would have been liable to serve 26 months national service in Cyprus. A bargain was struck to reduce that to six months but Felix still refused.

SOBER IPSWICH — Despite Ipswich Town's comparatively dismal start to the season the club's Board of Directors remain optimistic and when chairman Patrick Cobbold was asked what would constitute a crisis at the club he replied: "When we run out of dry white wine."

STANDARD SLIPPING — According to the perceptive former Arsenal and Scotland midfielder player Frank McLintock the standard of tackling is not as good as it used to be. He says: "When you think that people like Colin Todd and Norman Hunter couldn't even get a regular place in the international squad and both those players would absolutely walk through just now."

BIRMINGHAM CITY manager Ron Saunders is never one for beating about the bush. He decided that it was about time he did something about the 76-year-old legend that gypsies cursed the club when they were tipped off the land so that the present stadium could be built. So he called in a Romany gypsy to try and lift the curse: "Only a fool or an idiot ignores something just because he does not know enough about it," says the Birmingham chief. "We will have a faith healer, a priest, a minister and a rabbi in as well to make sure." Ron has always been noted for his thoroughness.

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Blackpool	0-0	1-2
Bristol City	0-2	1-2
Bristol Rovers	5-1	0-1
Cardiff	2-1	2-1
Fulham	0-0	1-2
Hull	1-1	0-2
Manchester United	0-1	0-3
Millwall	2-0	1-1
Norwich City	0-0	0-2
Nottingham Forest	2-0	3-2
Notts County	1-1	1-1
Oldham	1-1	0-1
Orient	2-0	0-0
Oxford	3-1	1-2
Portsmouth	3-0	0-2
Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	2-0
Southampton	3-2	1-0
Sunderland	0-2	0-0
W.B.A.	0-1	1-0
York	1-1	3-1

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LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Allardyce, S.	17(1)	Byrom, J.	28
Curran, H.	32(3)	Dunne, T.	34
Greaves, R.	29(1)	Jones, G.	5(1)
Jones, P.	42	Lee, F.	29(2)
McAllister, D.	26	Nicholson, P.	36(1)

Olinyk, P.	1	Phillips, R.	4(2)
Reid, P.	24(3)	Rimmer, W.	2(1)
Ritson, J.	38	Siddall, B.	42
Smith, B.	6(1)	Smith, S.	3
Taylor, S.	3(2)	Thompson, P.	41
Walsh, M.	4(1)	Waldron, A.	2
Whatmore, N.	14(3)		

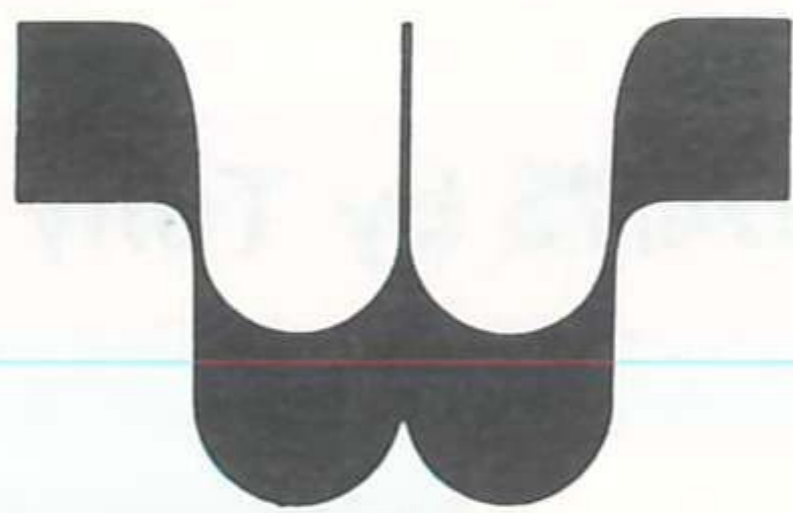
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Curran	11	Byron	10
Lee	6	Jones(P)	5
Whatmore	3	Allardyce	3
Greaves	2	Nicholson	2
Ritson	1	Smith(B)	1
Thompson	1		

FINAL TABLE (Season 1974/75)

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester Utd	42	26	9	7	66	30	61
Aston Villa	42	25	8	9	69	32	58
Norwich City	42	20	13	9	58	37	53
Sunderland	42	19	13	10	65	35	51
Bristol City	42	21	8	13	47	33	50
W.B.A.	42	18	9	15	54	42	45
Blackpool	42	14	17	11	38	33	45
Hull City	42	15	14	13	40	53	44
Fulham	42	13	16	13	44	39	42
Bolton W.	42	15	12	15	45	41	42
Oxford United	42	15	12	15	41	51	42
Orient	42	11	20	11	28	39	42
Southampton	42	15	11	16	53	54	41
Notts County	42	12	16	14	49	59	40
York City	42	14	10	18	51	55	38
Nottingham F.	42	12	14	16	43	55	38
Portsmouth	42	12	13	17	44	54	37
Oldham Athletic	42	10	15	17	40	48	35
Bristol Rovers	42	12	11	19	42	64	35
Millwall	42	10	12	20	44	56	32
Cardiff	42	9	14	19	36	62	32
Sheffield W.	42	5	11	26	29	64	21

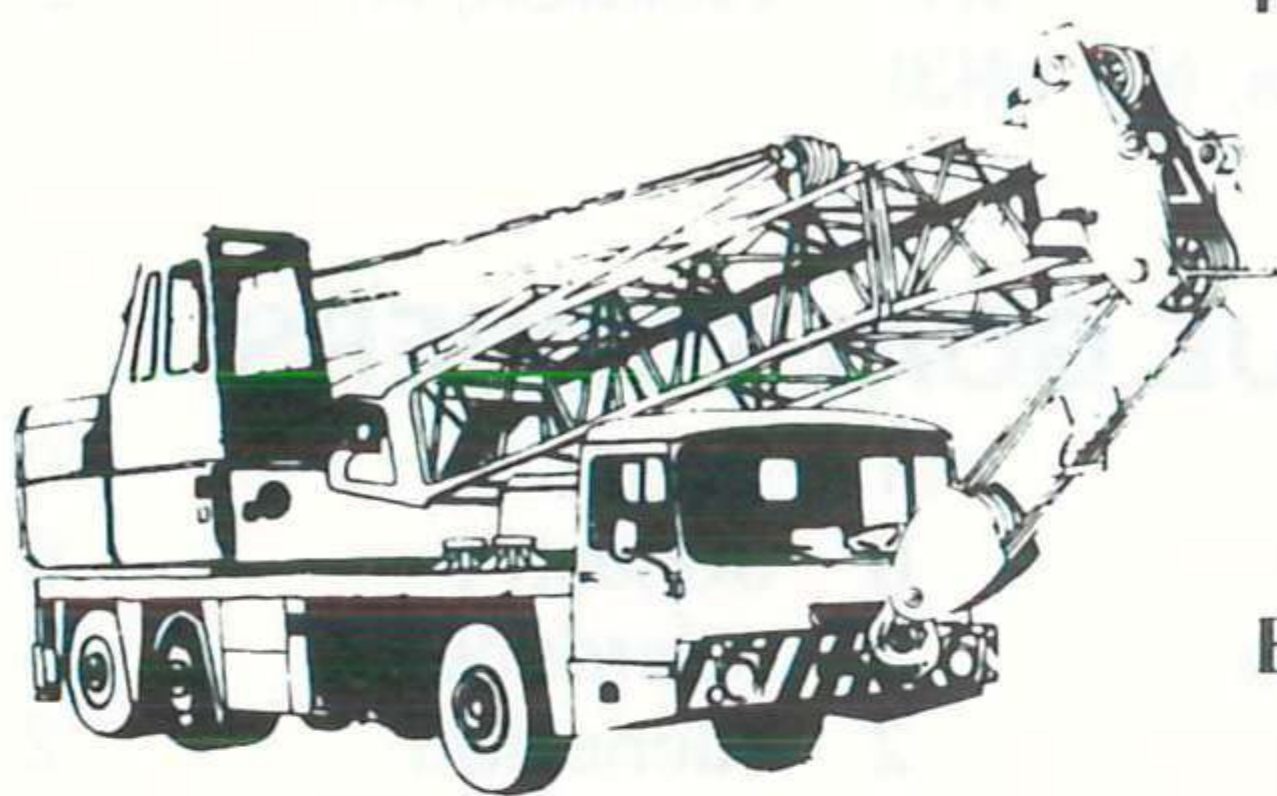
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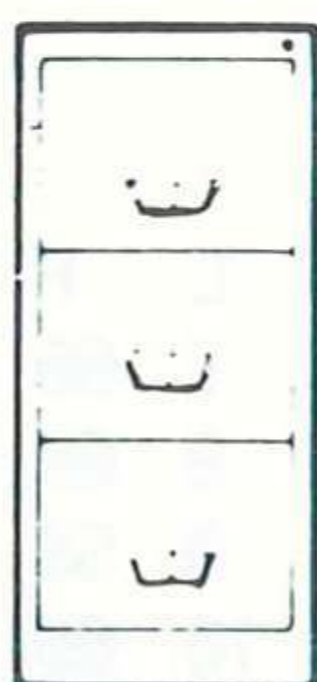
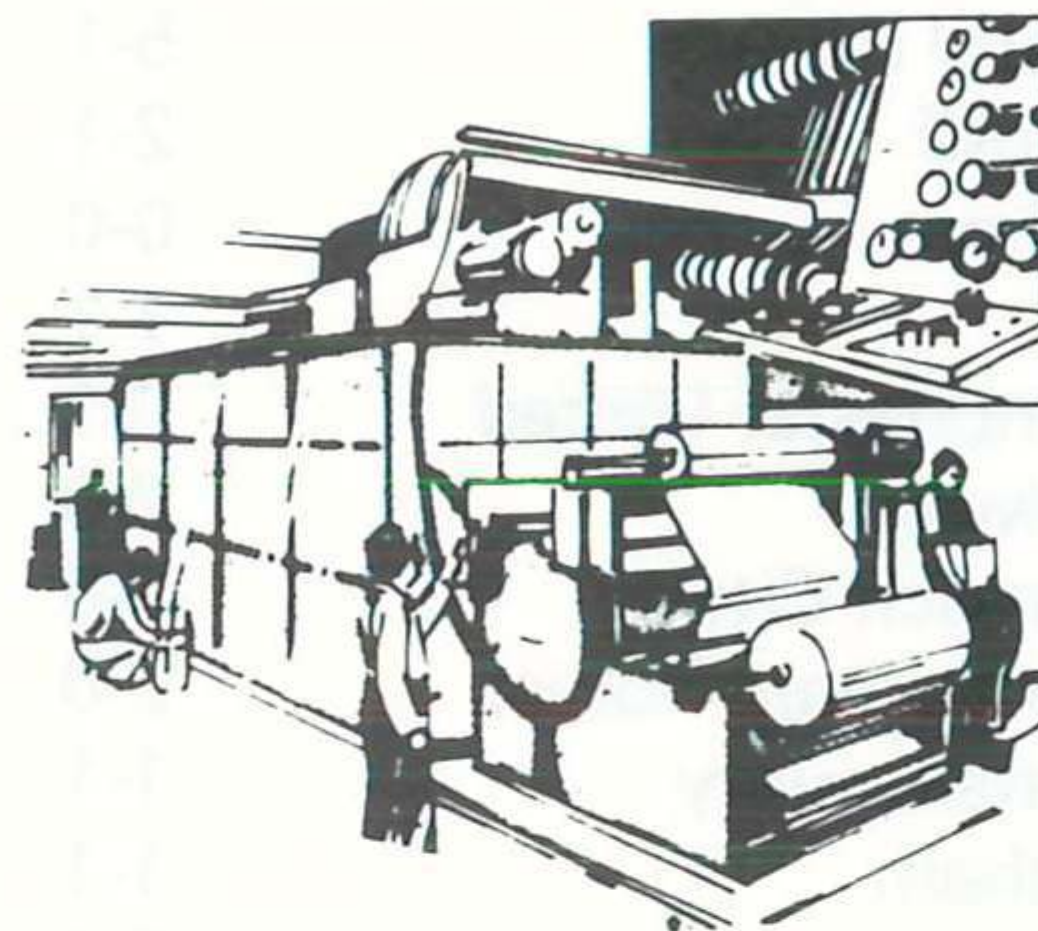
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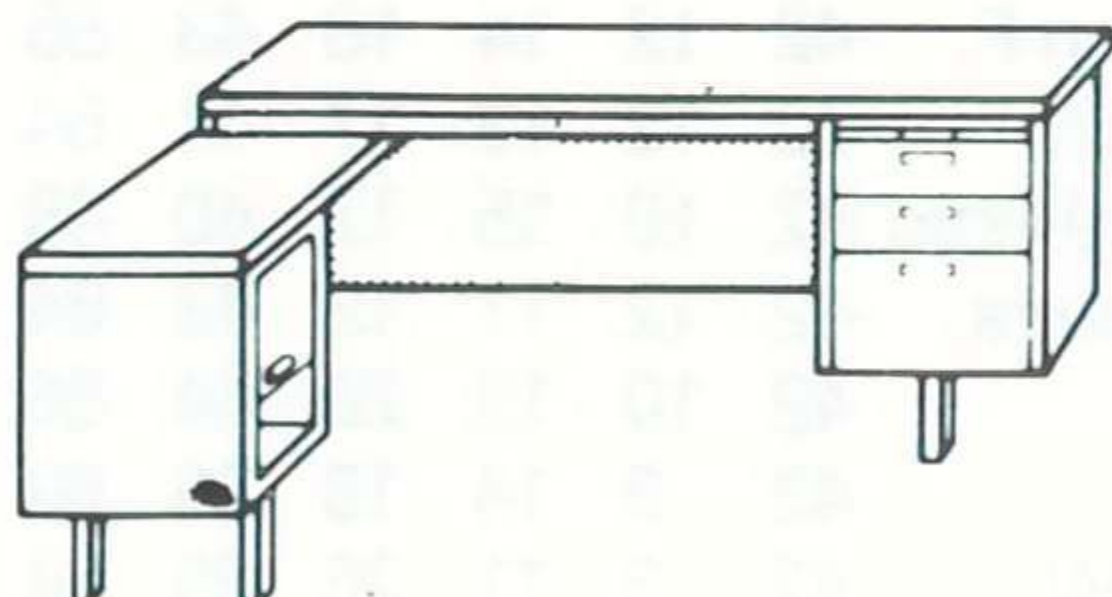
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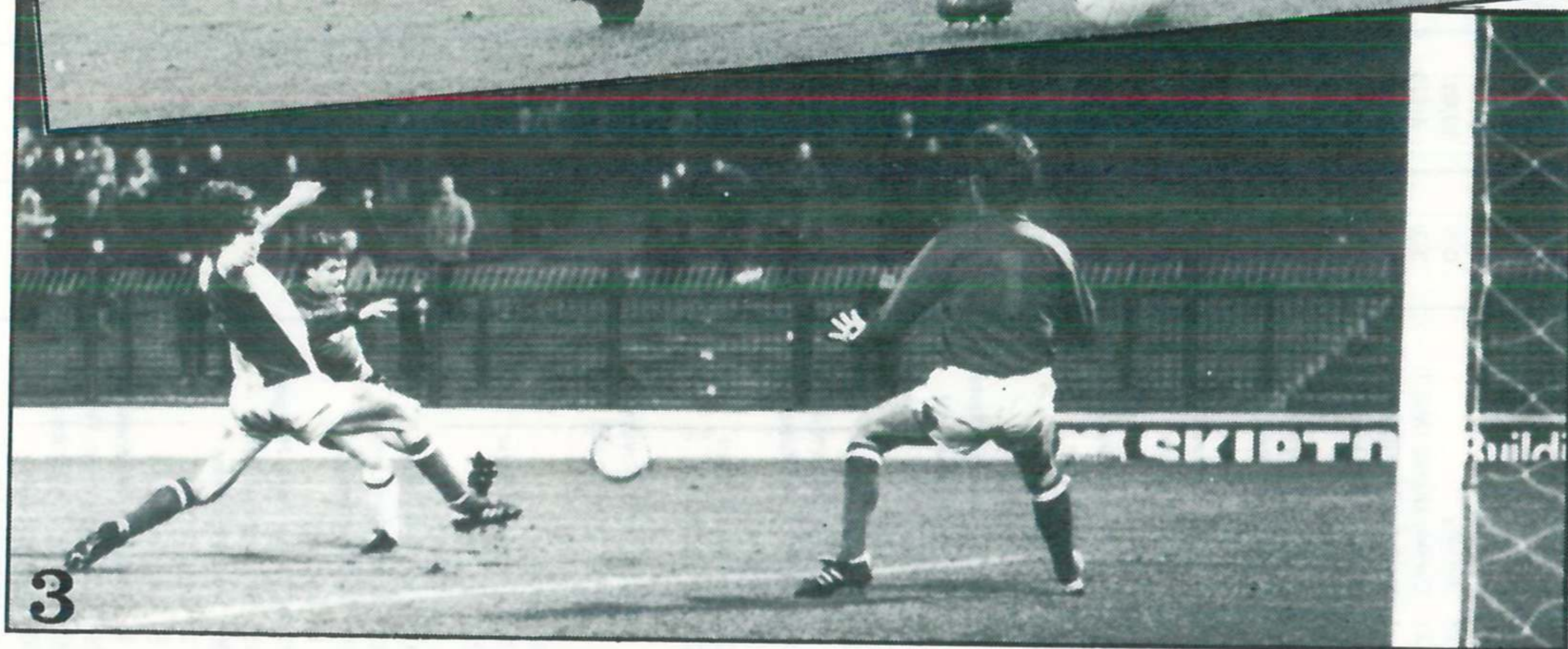
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Queens Park Rangers	16	5	2	1	16	8	4	2	2	9	5	31
Fulham	15	4	2	1	15	9	5	1	2	21	12	30
Sheffield Wednesday	15	5	2	1	16	8	4	1	2	14	9	30
Wolverhampton W.	15	6	0	2	18	9	2	3	2	5	6	27
Leeds United	15	4	3	1	12	7	2	4	1	8	7	25
Oldham Athletic	15	3	3	1	14	10	3	3	2	12	10	24
Grimsby Town	15	4	2	2	12	8	3	0	4	10	15	23
Shrewsbury Town	15	4	1	2	9	7	3	1	4	11	14	23
Barnsley	15	2	4	1	12	9	3	2	3	8	9	21
Crystal Palace	15	4	3	0	11	4	1	3	4	5	10	21
Carlisle United	15	5	1	2	20	12	1	2	4	11	19	21
Leicester City	15	2	1	5	11	9	4	1	2	15	8	20
Newcastle United	15	3	2	2	9	8	2	2	4	14	16	19
Rotherham United	15	2	3	2	8	11	2	4	2	13	12	19
Chelsea	15	3	4	1	12	6	1	2	4	6	11	18
Blackburn Rovers	15	4	2	2	16	10	1	1	5	6	18	18
Middlesbrough	15	3	1	3	9	14	1	5	2	9	13	18
Charlton Athletic	15	3	1	4	12	14	2	1	4	10	19	17
Burnley	15	3	1	3	11	9	1	1	6	10	19	14
Cambridge United	16	3	3	2	13	13	0	1	7	6	15	13
Bolton Wanderers	15	2	1	4	9	13	0	3	5	2	11	10
Derby County	15	1	4	3	6	13	0	3	4	6	13	10

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SECOND DIVISION STATISTICS

(Up to and including 20th November, 1982)

Team	Best	Average	Leading
Attendance	Attendance	Goalscorer	
Barnsley	13,286 v Chelsea	12,068	Glavin 8
Blackburn R	14,421 v Newcastle	8,130	Garner 10
Bolton W	17,707 v Newcastle	8,168	Henry 5
Burnley	10,527 v Bolton	7,622	Hamilton 6
Cambridge U	8,124 v Chelsea	4,824	Reilly 7
Carlisle U	16,276 v Newcastle	7,030	Poskett 10
Charlton Ath	10,807 v Middlesbrough	6,675	Hales 6
Chelsea	25,358 v Leeds	14,039	Lee, Speedie 4
Crystal Palace	14,912 v Fulham	8,939	Mabbutt 8
Derby County	13,191 v Leicester	10,349	Dalziel, Brolly 3
Fulham	15,004 v Q.P.R.	8,878	Davies 13
Grimsby T	16,137 v Leeds	8,331	Drinkell, Waters 6
Leeds U	26,570 v Newcastle	17,054	Butterworth 5, Worthington 5
Leicester C	17,341 v Sheffield W	11,716	Lineker 12
Middlesbrough	11,787 v Barnsley	7,326	Shearer 7
Newcastle U	36,185 v Q.P.R.	27,208	Keegan 11
Oldham	11,491 v Newcastle	5,590	Palmer, Wyld 7
Q.P.R.	13,733 v Sheffield W	10,345	Allen 7
Rotherham	13,791 v Barnsley	9,237	Fern, Moore 4
Sheffield W	29,050 v Leeds	19,629	Bannister 11
Shrewsbury	8,033 v Sheffield W	5,030	Petts 5
Wolves	16,377 v Rotherham	14,606	Eves 6

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HERE IS YOUR
RAC ROUTE TO
NEXT WEEK'S
AWAY GAME AT:

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A666(M)/M61/M62 (follow 'Liverpool' and 'M6 South' signs) to junction with M6 at Croft 16 miles

M6 south then M1 to intersection 13, junction with A507 163 miles

A507 via Ampthill, Clophill, Henlow and Stotford to Baldock junction with A505

183 miles

A505 to Royston junction with A10 192 miles

A10 to Cambridge 205 miles

Entering Cambridge on the A10 (Trumpington Road) follow signs for Newmarket and the RAC 'football traffic' signs to Cambridge United Ground on Newmarket Road.

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date		Opponents	Goals
1982			F A
Sep	22	Preston N.E.	5 3
	29	Burnley	0 0
Oct	13	Nottingham Forest	0 3
	20	Chesterfield	4 1
Nov	2	Derby County	3 2
	8	Rotherham United	2 1
	16	Oldham Athletic	3 1
	24	Notts County	
	30	Wigan	
Dec	8	Sunderland	
	14	Manchester City	
	20	Bradford City	
1983			
Jan	4	Chesterfield	
Dec	12	Derby County	
	19	Port Vale	
	26	Barnsley	
Feb	2	Middlesbrough	
	9	Preston N.E.	
	15	Rotherham United	
	23	Nottingham Forest	
Mar	1	Burnley	
	9	Port Vale	
	16	Barnsley	
	22	Middlesbrough	
	30	Notts County	
Apr	6	Oldham Athletic	
	13	Sunderland	
	20	Wigan	
	26	Bradford City	
May	4	Manchester City	



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Puzzle Page??

CLUB CLUE No. 10

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club.

DO THEY FLY THE FLAG
IN BELGIUM?

Answer to Club Clue No. 9: Grasshoppers (Zurich)

MIXED DOUBLES No. 10

Re-order the letters in each of the words.

ROMEO and NORMA

To find the names of
TWO MEN CALLED "KEVIN"

Answers to Mixed Doubles No. 9: Lewis, Weir

QUIZ

1. The first televised League match to be shown live involved which 1960 fixture?
2. Prior to Glenn Hoddle in 1982, who scored a penalty in an FA Cup final?
3. Who recovered from a recent skull fracture to star in the 1982 World Cup finals . . . until injured again?
4. Which Football League ground has the shortest name?
5. Ignoring the word United, which club has a name of ten letters, all different?

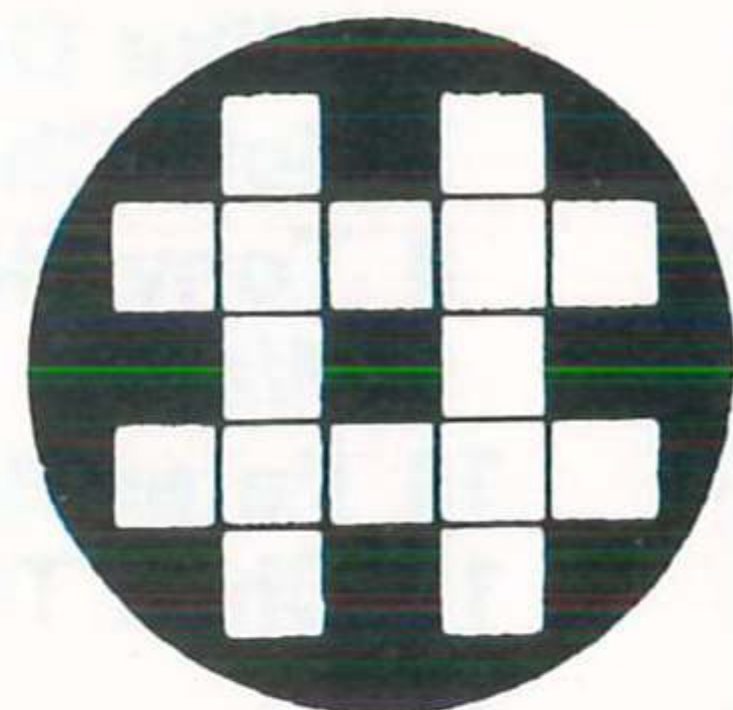
Answers to last week's Quiz: 1. Celtic (1967); 2. Arsenal; 3. Stielike, Six and Bossis; 4. 1952; 5. Bramall Lane (Sheffield United).

ON THE BALL No. 10

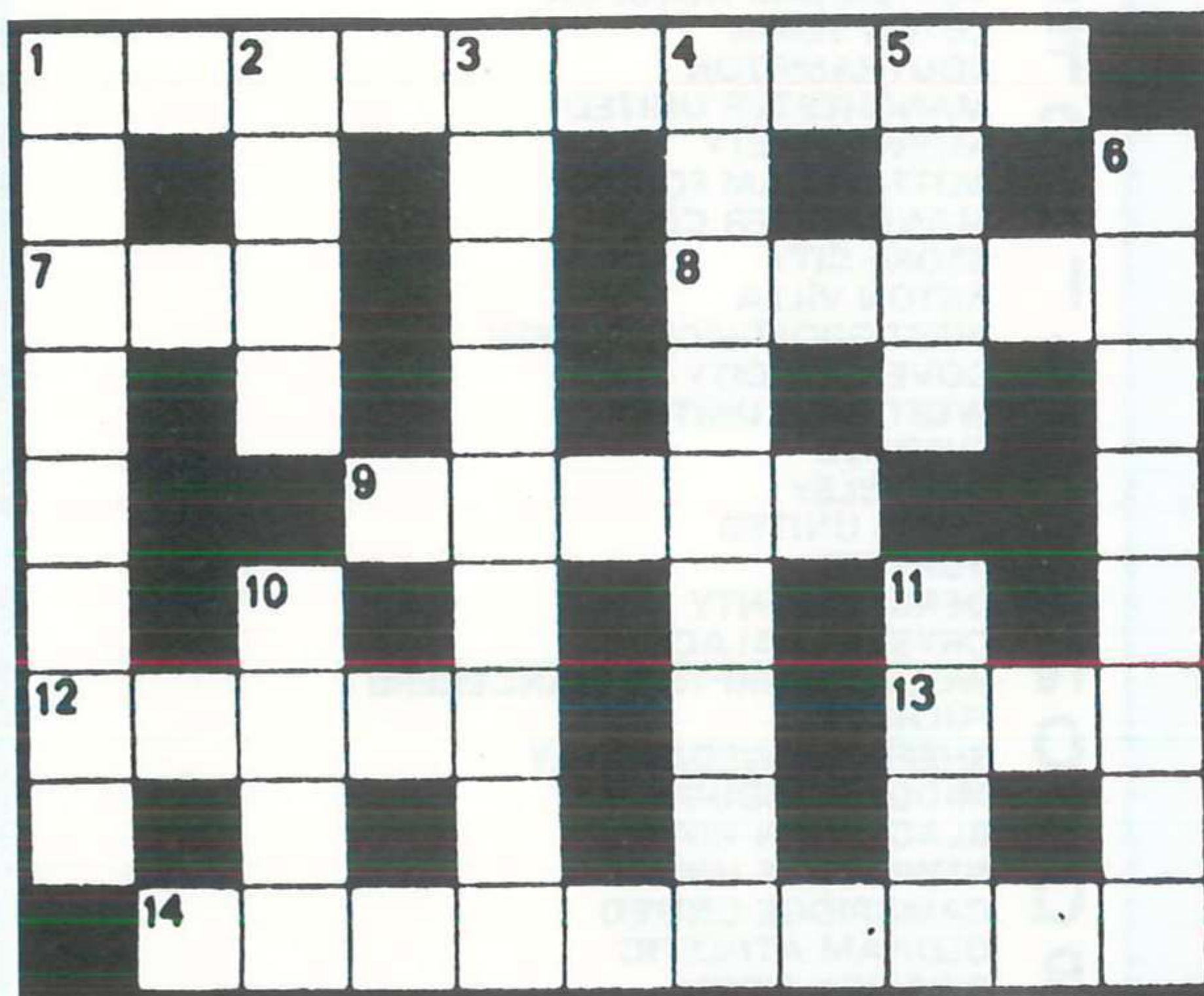
Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Birtles, maybe
"The Peacocks"
Irishman recently in Italy
Shilton does it

Answers to On The Ball No. 9: Mills; Steve; Clive; dirty.



Crossword



Across

1. Defender who kicked off his career with Chelsea and who was still there when this season kicked off (4,6)
7. Score (3)
8. Defender (sharing a first name with 1 across) who began with Boro in the 1960s but spent the bulk of his career with Brentford in the 1970s (5)
9. One of Sunderland's colour (5)
12. Country seen in action in the World Cup finals in West Germany (5)
13. Where one of the clubs in a cup-tie goes! (3)
14. Where the NASL's Diplomats were (10)

Down

1. He helped Villa collect the European Cup (8)
2. Bristol-born Phil, who set out with Rovers, sounds like a high-flying 'keeper! (4)
3. Former League club (now an Alliance Premier side) which went out when Leicester came in (9)
4. The second of Manchester City's two successive Footballers of the Year (9)
5. Sheffield screechers (4)
6. Celtic hold the record for being so in most consecutive British League matches (8)
10. Soccer body founded in 1904 (1,1,1,1)
11. "It may be square, round, half-round or elliptical . . . other shapes are not permitted" (Law 1) (4)

Answers to Crossword No. 8: Across: 1. Sammy (McIlroy); 5. Miller; 7. Imps; 8. own goal; 10. Holland; 12. Alan (Devonshire); 13. Sunley; 14. trips. Down: 1. stitches; 2. McParland; 3. lion; 4. Altobelli; 6. Rollings; 9. Win; 11. Alex.

BURNDEN STAND MATCH DAY TICKETS

Commencing with the match against Shrewsbury Town, for a trial period, and subject to sufficient demand, it has been arranged that tickets for seats in the Burnden Stand will be on sale on the afternoons of Match Days at Burnden Stand turnstile No. 57.

Tickets will still be available at the Ticket Office for the Burnden Stand on Match Days, and also, two weeks prior to each home fixture, as with all other Stand Seat tickets.

TEAMS

BOLTON WANDERERS

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Steve Whitworth
- 3 Ray Deakin
- 4 John McGovern
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Mike Doyle
- 7 Jeff Chandler
- 8 Tony Henry
- 9 Wayne Foster
- 10 Peter Reid
- 11 Chris Thompson
- 12

LEICESTER

- 1 Mark Wellington
- 2 Paul Ramsey
- 3 Paul Friar
- 4 Kevin MacDonald
- 5 Larry May
- 6 John O'Neill
- 7 Steve Lynex
- 8 Gary Lineker
- 9 Eddie Kelly
- 10 Tom English
- 11 Ian Wilson
- 12 Alan Smith



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Today's Referee: R. BRIDGES (Deeside)

Started refereeing in 1958. Promoted to Cheshire County in 1972 and then to the Football League in 1974. He was linesman in the European Cup — Bayern Munich v Real Madrid in 1976, and Northern Ireland v England in 1975. In 1978 refereed two Under-21 Internationals; France v Luxembourg in 1979, Cyprus v Spain in 1980, and a World Cup qualifying game in 1982.



He is a married man, with two sons, and works as a Distribution Manager. His interests are gardening and keeping fit and he is also secretary of a local junior football league.

Linesmen: P. NEWTON (Warrington) and D.D. CRONE (Liverpool)

Scoreboard

A	ARSENAL
	WATFORD
B	BIRMINGHAM CITY
	SUNDERLAND
C	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION
	NOTTS COUNTY
D	IPSWICH TOWN
	SWANSEA CITY
E	LIVERPOOL
	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
F	LUTON TOWN
	SOUTHAMPTON
G	MANCHESTER UNITED
	NORWICH CITY
H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST
	MANCHESTER CITY
I	STOKE CITY
	ASTON VILLA
J	WEST BROMWICH ALBION
	COVENTRY CITY
K	WEST HAM UNITED
	EVERTON
L	BARNLEY
	LEEDS UNITED
M	BURNLEY
	DERBY COUNTY
N	CRYSTAL PALACE
	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS
O	FULHAM
	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
P	MIDDLESBROUGH
	BLACKBURN ROVERS
Q	NEWCASTLE UNITED
	CAMBRIDGE UNITED
R	OLDHAM ATHLETIC
	GRIMSBY TOWN
S	QUEENS PARK RANGERS
	CARLISLE UNITED
T	ROTHERHAM UNITED
	CHELSEA
U	SHREWSBURY TOWN
	CHARLTON ATHLETIC
V	GILLINGHAM
	WIGAN ATHLETIC
W	ALDERSHOT
	BLACKPOOL
X	SCUNTHORPE UNITED
	BURY